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In re application of

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Reinhold GOEBLMAIER, et al.

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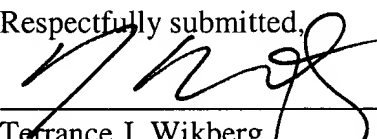
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Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Attached is a copy of an Information Disclosure Statement filed in the above-identified application on December 1, 2003, along with a copy of the Form PTO/SB/08 A & B submitted therewith, and the date stamped filing receipt. Applicant has not yet received an initialed copy of the above referenced Form. Thus, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner review and initial the above referenced Form PTO/SB/08 A & B, thus indicating that the references thereon have been considered.

Therefore, the Examiner is respectfully requested to acknowledge receipt of the Information Disclosure Statement and the consideration of the references disclosed therein.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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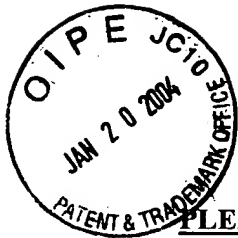
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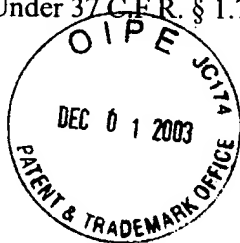
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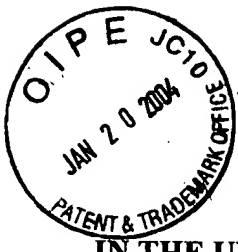
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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**  
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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant hereby notifies the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the documents which are listed on the attached PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified) form and/or listed herein and which the Examiner may deem material to patentability of the claims of the above-identified application.

One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith, along with a copy of the corresponding Communication from a Foreign Patent Office.

The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed: (1) No later than three months from the application's filing date; (2) Before the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits (whichever is later); or (3) Before the mailing date of the first Office Action after

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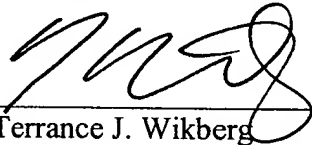
filing a request for continued examination (RCE) under §1.114, and therefore, no Statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) or fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) is required.

The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within thirty effective filing days from the communication from a foreign patent office and a Statement Under 37 C.F.R. §1.704(d) is attached. Applicant notes that the 30 day filing date fell on a weekend.

The submission of the listed documents is not intended as an admission that any such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application. Applicant does not waive any right to take any action that would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove any listed document as a competent reference against the claims of the present application.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this paper is attached.

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The undersigned hereby states, upon information and belief:

That each item of information contained in the Information Disclosure Statement filed concurrently herewith was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application, and, to the knowledge of the undersigned after making a reasonable inquiry, that the communication was not received by any individual designated in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(c) more than thirty effective filing days prior to the filing of said Information Disclosure Statement. Applicant notes that the thirty day deadline fell on a weekend, and the present filing is being made on the next filing date.

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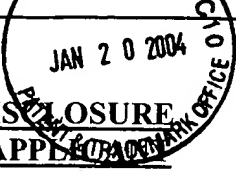
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